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1. Information

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a. History of 82d How Brig

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The brigade was activated sometime in the early part of WW II. At this time, it was located generally on the Manchurian Border and was subordinate to the "Special Far Eastern Army". The brigade was then sent under strict security to the western Front and placed in reserve at KLIN (5620N-3643E) near MOSCOW. It participated in several campaigns and fought its way to KALININGRAD.

The brigade was slowly changed over from a horse-drawn to a vehicle-drawn type during and following the war. After WW II, the unit was sent to MULINO from KALININGRAD and was quartered in dugouts while the personnel built a permanent camp. The latter was completed in 1948. The brigade earned only the Order of the Red Banner. It was not entitled to the title "Guards" since its unit banner had been burned or lost during combat.

b. History of 13th Gds Mecz Div.

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The full title of the division was "The 13th Gds POLTAVSKAYA Mecz, Order of Lenin, Twice decorated Order of the Red Banner, Order of SUVOROV, Order of KUTUZOV, Division". It was allegedly activated in 1941 as the

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75th (?) Airborne Rifle Brigade in the vicinity of TIM (5132N-3708E) Kurskaya Oblast and participated in the defense of the towns of TIM and SHCHIGRY (5152N-3655E), for which it was awarded the Order of Lenin. It also received the title, "Guards" and was immediately redesignated as the "13th Gds Rifle Div". During the war years it was commanded by Gen Lt (fnu) RODIMTSEV, then a colonel.

In 1942 it was sent to the STALINGRAD area and became subordinate to the 62d Army. It participated in the defense of STALINGRAD and was awarded its first Order of the Red Banner.

The Division then went into the offensive and was awarded a second Order of the Red Banner for seizing an unidentified town between POLTAVA and STALINGRAD. It also participated in the seizure of POLTAVA and for this was awarded the honorific title "Poltavskaya". The division fought on to KIEV, seizing a number of villages along the way, and continued on to YASY (4710N-2737E), Rumania. For the latter actions, it received the Order of Suvorov.

The division then moved northwest and seized a large area south of WARSAW, for which it was decorated with the Order of Kutuzov. The offensive carried the division on to the storming of BERLIN. Following this the unit was sent in the direction of PRAGUE, but it received orders while en route to continue on to VIENNA instead, where it remained.

a. History of the 459th Mortar Regiment

The full title of the regiment was "The 459th Novograd-Volinski , Order of the Red Star, Mortar Regiment". It had been activated not far from MOSCOW during the early part of WW II. It participated in the seizure of NOVOGRAD-VOLINSKI , for which it was awarded the honorific title of the same name. the regiment was awarded the Order of the Red Star. The regiment participated in the Soviet offensive almost up to the gates of BERLIN; then it was re-routed to the south in the direction of the Carpathians. It subsequently returned to its present location.

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In the regimental Lenin Political Dayroom, there was a map, apparently locally made, which depicted the history of the regiment since its activation. Underneath this map there was a picture album depicting the war exploits of the regiment.

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b. History of the 20th Mtrzed Rifle Regiment

The 20th Motorized Rifle Regiment, 25th Tk Div. fought together with the 459th Mortar Regiment. The former had been formed initially as a rifle brigade.

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a. History of the 76th Mecz Regt, 6th Mecz Div.

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It was formed as part of the 6th Gds Mecz Div. during the early part of WW II. It was awarded the Order of the Red Banner, the honorific title of "Suvorov", and other unknown decorations. It participated in the Soviet offensive as far as BERLIN and was then allegedly sent along with the rest of the same division to Japan. It subsequently returned to its present location. the regiment was a rifle unit during the war.

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b. History of the 6th Gds Mecz Div.

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the 6th Gds was known as a "Red Banner" Division.

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the 162d Sep Special Garrison Bn in BOERNICKE (5240N-1338E), East Germany. This unit had no unit history as such. It was activated in 1948 or 1949 initially in the BERLIN-VARDEN area and then moved to its present location in the spring of 1953. This unit had no unit colors (Znamya) and had never been redesignated.

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a. History of Unidentified Artillery Regiment

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b. History of the 45th Gds Mecz Regt

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it had been formed as a rifle regiment near STALINGRAD in the early part of the war and was subordinate to the 13th Gds Mecz Div, which was a rifle unit at that time. The regiment had earned the order of the Red Banner and other unknown decorations during the war.

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c. The 135th Sep Air Warning Bn

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[redacted] This unit had been activated on 14 March 1952, according to an order that had been read [redacted]

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5. Information [redacted]

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a. History of 42d BG Det2

[redacted]

The full title of the unit was "The 42d Red Banner Border Guard Otryad". This unit was activated in 1921 in the same area it occupied at the time of the lecture. In 1921, the unit was engaged in fighting renegade bands. For destroying the 400-man ALIPINSKAYA bandit group it was awarded the Order of the Red Banner. During WW II, the Otryad continued to guard the Soviet-Iranian border.

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6. Information [redacted]

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a. History of the 8th Shock Army

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[redacted] the Army had been the 62d Army During WW II and the 62d Army had fought near LENINGRAD and carried the offensive into Germany.

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b. History of the 93d Sep Security Bn

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[redacted] It was formed in 1952 in MEININGEN allegedly to relieve the 117th Rifle Regt of its border security duties.

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7. Information [redacted]

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a. History of the 735th Sep Radio-Comm Bn

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[redacted] the 735th Sep Radio-Communications Bn had no extensive unit history as such. This battalion was formed on 5 Dec 53 in BADEN, Austria and continued to remain in the same location. The unit did not even have a banner (znamya). In [redacted] opinion, a unit could be given a banner (or colors) not earlier than one year following its activation.

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b. Unidentified Army Signal Regiment

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[redacted] This unit had been formed in NOVOSIBIRSK in 1942. From 1942 to 1945 it took part in several unknown WW II campaigns and finally halted in BADEN. The placard stated that there were five Heroes in the unit (their names were shown) and that five members of the unit, including a female soldier, had been killed in action.

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